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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS WATER POLLUTION TAXES ON AFCENT

THERE FOLLOWS FOR INFORMATION THE TEXT OF AN INTERNAL
CORRESPONDENCE SHEET (WITH ENCLOSURE) ADDRESSED TO HEADS
OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS FROM THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, ALLIED FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE, DATED
26 MAY 1977, ADVISING NON-DUTCH (PRIVATELY QUARTERED)
PERSONNEL OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN WHEN CONFRONTED WITH
DEMANDS TO PAY WATER POLLUTION TAX.

BEGIN TEXT:

REFERENCE COS ICS 4941/26-04/470/77 DATED 25 FEB 77.

1. AS A FOLLOW ON TO THE REQUEST AT REFERENCE, CON-
CERTED ACTION IS AGAIN REQUIRED THROUGH NATIONAL
AUTHORITIES TO MEET DEMANDS FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY
AGAINST INDIVIDUALS TO PAY WATER POLLUTION TAX IN
RESPECT OF PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION.

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2. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT NON-DUTCH AFCENT PERSONNEL
ARE BEING SERVED WITH ROYAL WARRANTS DEMANDING PAYMENT
ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. IF A SITUATION DEVELOPS WHERE
PAYMENT IS ABSOLUTELY UNAVOIDABLE, BECAUSE BAILIFFS
STATE THEIR INTENTION OF REMOVING ARTICLES FROM PRIVATE
HOUSEHOLDS, IN DEFRAYMENT OF UNPAID BILLS, THE FOLLOW-

ING ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN:

INDIVIDUAL PAYMENTS SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LETTER
WORDED:

"TO WATERSCHAP ZUIVERINGSCHAP LIMBURG:

AS A MEMBER OF AFCENT I AM EXEMPT FROM THE ABOVE TAX
UNDER ARTICLE X OF THE NATO STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT.
I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE/CASH FOR TO AVOID
HAVING MY GOODS TAKEN AWAY BY A BAILIFF. I PAY UNDER
PROTEST, AND RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CLAIM BACK THIS MONEY
SHOULD THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SENDING
STATES AND THE NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES BE RESOLVED IN
MY FAVOR."

3. IN ADDITION TO ADVISING YOUR PERSONNEL ON THE ACTION
THEY SHOULD TAKE WHEN CONFRONTED WITH DEMANDS TO PAY
WATER POLLUTION TAX DEMANDS, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE
POSITION BE REPORTED TO YOUR NATIONAL MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES
AT SHAPE. A DRAFT OF A SUGGESTED MESSAGE IS
ENCLOSED FOR YOUR USE, SO THAT ACTION TAKEN BY ALL
NATIONS REPRESENTED AT HQ AFCENT FOLLOWS A COMMON
PATTERN. /S/ DEWANDRE, LT GENERAL, BEA.

END TEXT.

BEGIN TEXT OF ENCLOSURE:

SUBJECT: IMPOSITION OF WATER POLLUTION TAX - BEROEP-
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SCHRIFT WATERSTAATZAKEN - BY NETHERLANDS LOCAL
AUTHORITIES AGAINST NON-DUTCH PERSONNEL

IN SPITE OF ACTION TAKEN BY SECRETARY GENERAL TO REFER
NETHERLANDS WATER POLLUTION TAX LEVY TO NATO COUNCIL
AS CONTRAVENTION OF ARTICLE TEN OF STATUS FORCES AGREEMENT
DEMANDS STILL BEING RECEIVED BY AFCENT HOUSEHOLDERS.
LATEST ACTION REPORTED IS SERVING OF ROYAL WARRANTS
REQUIRING INTERNATIONAL PERSONNEL LIVING IN PRIVATE
ACCOMMODATION TO PAY THE TAX FOR 1975 PERIOD. NO REPLY
HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO HEADQUARTERS AFCENT LETTERS CLAIMING
EXEMPTION FROM THIS TAX UNDER SOFA. SITUATION IS NOW
BECOMING CRITICAL AS INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING HARASSED BY
TAX DEMANDS ON PERSONAL BASIS. REQUEST STRONGEST POSSIBLE
ACTION TO MAKE OFFICIAL PROTEST THROUGH NATO COUNCIL ON
NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT DISREGARD OF TERMS OF STATUS OF
FORCES AGREEMENT.

END TEXT OF ENCLOSURE.

COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT THE ABOVE AFCENT ACTION IS A

USEFUL HOLDING ACTION PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE
PROBLEM BY THE AD HOC GROUP ESTABLISHED BY THE NAC ON
3 JUNE 77 (USNATO 4677, 032033Z JUNE 77). END COMMENT.
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